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1. SUMMARY: POORLY ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE AT CONCLUSION
OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS AUG 29-30 CONFERENCE IN REYKJAVIK
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DEALT WITH LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, CSCE, INVITATIONS TO

TURKISH AND GREEK PRIME MINISTERS, THE US MANNED ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE, AND UN MANDATE FOR UN TROOPS ON CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

2. NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESS CONFERENCE AT CONCLUSION AUG 29-30 MEETING IN REYKJAVIK WAS ATTENDED BY ONLY THREE NON-ICELANDIC NEWSMEN. OF THE SEVERAL ICELANDERS, ONLY ONE ASKED A QUESTION.

3. ICELANDIC QUESTION TO FRYDENLUND AND GULDBERG ASKED WHETHER NORWEGIAN AND DANISH GOVERNMENTS WERE "RELIEVED" THAT THE NEW ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT "HAS DECIDED NOT TO REMOVE THE AMERICAN BASE FROM ICELAND." FRYDENLUND CITED FIRM PRINCIPLE OF NOT COMMENTING ON ICELANDIC INTERNAL MATTERS. BUT HE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE INTERFERENCE TO EXPRESS "SATISFACTION" WITH THE LARGE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY WHICH THE NEW GOVERNMENT ENJOYS, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY THAT A MATTER WHICH HAD CAUSED CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE NORDIC FRAMEWORK NOW SEEMED SOLVED. GULDBERG SIMILARLY CITED PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE BUT ADDED THAT WHEN "ONE'S COUNTRY'S SECURITY DEPENDS IN PART ON THE SECURITY POLICY OF OTHERS," IT IS "COMFORTING" WHEN SUCH POLICIES CEASE TO BE A MATTER OF INTERNAL DISAGREEMENT IN AN ALLIED NATION. ICELANDIC FONMIN AGUSTSSON THANKED NORWAY AND DENMARK "AND OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES" FOR "NOT HAVING INTERFERED" IN THIS INTERNAL ICELANDIC MATTER.

4. ON LAW OF THE SEA, FONMINS WERE ASKED IF THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF CARACAS CONFERENCE. AGUSTSSON SAID ICELAND WAS NOT SATISFIED, BUT HAD NOT EXPECTED ONE SINGLE SESSION TO BRING ABOUT SATISFACTION. HE ALSO CITED ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION DECLARE 200 MILE LIMIT BEFORE END OF 1975. ASKED WHETHER ICELAND WOULD DO THIS REGARDLESS OF INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS, AGUSTSSON SAID GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT "MULTILATERAL SOLUTION AND ICELAND'S ACTION WOULD COINCIDE." OTHERWISE, HE SAID, ICELAND WOULD HAVE TO LOOK TO ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST.

5. ON SAME SUBJECT FRYDENLUND STRESSED POLICY OF 200 NAUTICAL MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WITH EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS FOR COASTAL NATIONS. SWEDEN'S ANDERSON SAID SWEDEN HAD NOT "EVALUATED" CARACAS, ONLY "DISCUSSED" IT. GULDBERG SAID DANISH POSITION WAS VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLEX" SINCE IT WAS PART OF EUROPE YET PARTICULARLY CONCERNED FOR THE INTERESTS OF GREENLAND THE THE FAEROE ISLANDS.

6. PRESS ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING STANDING FENNO-SCANDINAVIAN INVITATIONS TO TURKISH PM ECEVIT TO VISIT. (NEWSMEN SAY PROBLEM IS THAT ECEVIT APPARENTLY INTENDS TO BRING LARGE DELEGATION TO PUSH TURKISH POSITION ON CYPRUS.) FENNO-SCANDINAVIAN FONMINS IN RESPONDING STRESSED THEIR

INTENTION TO "SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN GREECE AND PORTUGAL. ANDERSON SAID GREEK PM MIGHT BE INVITED TO VISIT BEFORE END OF 1974. PRESS CONFERENCE GAVE NO INDICATION, WHICH SOME NEWSMEN HAD EXPECTED, THAT TURKISH PM WOULD BE "DISINVITED."

7. ON CYPRUS, WHERE FINLAND, SWEDEN AND DENMARK HAVE TROOPS ASSIGNED TO UN FORCE, ALL STRESSED THE NEED FOR 1964 MANDATE FOR UN TROOPS THERE TO BE RE-DRAFTED, OR AT LEAST FIRMLY REINTERPRETED. THEY INDICATED THEY WERE IN CONTACT WITH UN SECGEN WITH THIS AIM. ANDERSON PARTICULARLY STRESSED CONCERN THAT UN FORCE'S MANDATE NOW SEEMS TO HAVE SO MANY "UNCERTAINTIES."

8. ON CSCE FRYDENLUND AND GULBERG STRESSED VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE FIRM INDICATIONS OF "POSITIVE RESULTS" BEFORE CONFERENCE MEETS. THERE WERE NOT QUESTIONS RAISED BY NEWSMEN ON INDOCHINA, KOREA OR OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE (TRANSMITTED SEPTEL). DUE TO REPRODUCTION DELAY, COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED UNTIL MIDWAY THROUGH 40 MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE.

9. FYI TOTAL NON-ICELANDIC PRESS CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF KARI KALLIO, HELSINGIN SANOMAT NORDIC CORRESPONDENT, LARS JAKOB KROGH, NORWEGIAN TV, AND NORWEGIAN RADIO REPORTER. ONLY KROGH AND KALLIO QUESTIONED. ASSEMBLED MINISTERS AND STAFF AIDES, INCLUDING AMBASSADORS TO UN AND POLITICAL CHIEFS, OUTNUMBERED NEWSMEN BY PERHAPS FIVE TO ONE.
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